

REMARKS

The drawings, specification, and claims have been amended to overcome the objections to the drawings and claims. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to further define the present invention in a manner to distinguish over Huang. In particular, stay 33 is not accurate as is stretcher 23 of the present invention as been seen in Figures 1 and 4 of the present application. This configuration provides extra support for the stretching frame 2 as a greater portion of stretcher 23 extends into rib 22 and with rib 22 extending more tangentially relative to stretcher 23. Additionally, an accurate stretcher 23 allows placement closer to upper runner 29 to increase the useable volume under stretcher 23 for the user of the umbrella. Thus, as the clear distinction of the present invention as recited in claim obtains advantageous over the structure of Huang, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections have been overcome. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has cited the United States patents and publications listed in NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED as A-D and G-J. By the lack of application of these references and others like them within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicant's umbrella frame which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner, whether those references are taken singly or in any combination, the Examiner is requested to allow claims 1-2, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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